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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. sections 1.97 et seq., the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached SB/08 form(s) is respectfully requested. The filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is construed to be, prior art or material to the patentability of the present application.

In the Final Office Action mailed May 6, 2010, the Examiner did not consider the Beil thesis because pages 18-21, including Figures 1 and 2, were missing. A complete thesis with the missing pages is being submitted herewith. The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider this reference.

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of an Office Action on the merits, after the filing of an RCE, no fee is believed to be

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necessary. However, if any fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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